Chairman Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees from the Student Union Ballroom at 8:35 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2005 with the following Board of Trustee members present:

- Brian Cobb
- Matthew Hall
- Larry Hart
- Donna Price Henry
- Bernard Lester
- David Lucas
- Scott Lutgert
- Edward Morton
- Jerry Starkey
- Joe Catti- Ex-Officio

Members of Staff Present:
- William Merwin, President
- Bonnie Yegidis, Provost
- Joseph Shepard, Vice President for Administrative Services
- Steve Magiera, Vice President for Advancement
- Wendy Morris, General Counsel
- Susan Evans, Special Assistant to the President
- Kathy Bottoms, Administrative Assistant
- Barbara Krell, Executive Assistant to the President

Guests: Curtis Bullock, David Mann, Interim Lobbyists
- Linda Moore, Internal Auditor
- Mary Price, President SAC

1. Call to Order & Chair’s Remarks – Scott Lutgert, Chair

Chairman Lutgert greeted Trustees and asked for a moment of silence to recognize the victims of the tsunami. Chairman Lutgert then turned the meeting over to President Merwin for the elections.
2. Election of Chair – President Bill Merwin

   President Merwin stated that the first order of business was to elect a Chairperson for the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees. Trustee Cobb nominated Trustee Lutgert. Trustee Morton seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

3. Election of Vice Chair – Scott Lutgert, Chair

   Chairman Lutgert asked for nominations for the Vice Chair. Trustee Lester nominated Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of (1) Chair of Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs and (2) Chair of Finance & Administration Committee

   Chairman Lutgert asked Trustee Hart to serve as Chair of the Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee and Trustee Hart accepted this appointment.

   Chairman Lutgert asked Trustee Lucas to serve as Chair of Finance & Administration Committee and Trustee Lucas accepted this appointment.

5. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council – President Mary Price

   President Merwin introduced Ms. Price who updated Trustees regarding SAC activities on campus.

6. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Matthew Hall

   President Merwin introduced Trustee Hall who reported on current Student Government activities on campus.

7. Remarks from FGCU Faculty Senate – President Donna Price Henry

   President Merwin introduced Trustee Price Henry who reported on recent faculty activities over the past few months.

8. Remarks from FGCU Foundation Board of Directors – Chair Joe Catti

   Mr. Catti updated the Trustees on current events and activities of the FGCU Foundation Board.
President’s Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin congratulated the newly appointed officers and committee chairs.

President Merwin reported that the Terry Tempest Williams issue worked out well. He credited the students who rescheduled it as a student event.

President Merwin reported on the Issues ’05 event which was held on campus with our Southwest Florida Legislators to discuss regionalism. He stated that Dean Pegnetter has made a commitment through the College of Business’ Center for Leadership & Innovation to serve as a regional clearinghouse for the collection of data.

President Merwin thanked Mr. Catti and Trustee Lucas for their support of the recent University Club Luncheon on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He reported that FGCU has reached its goal of raising $125 million during the past five years and that the Foundation has expanded this goal to $200 million.

President Merwin thanked Trustees Michael Villalobos, Larry Hart, Jaynie Whitcomb and Donna Price Henry for their participation in the fall Commencement, which was the largest graduating class to date with 557 graduates.

President Merwin thanked the Board for meeting in a workshop session in December to discuss the Strategic Plan.

President Merwin stated that the spring enrollment numbers look very good as we are up 8% over a year ago and that our annual FTE for spring 2005 is 1606, which is a 14% increase over a year ago. This produces an annual FTE of 3,715 which represents a 12% FTE increase over 2003-2004.

President Merwin reported that he and other staff members including Dr. Bob Burns spent a day in Charlotte County for meetings and presentations to the Charlotte County Commission, Charlotte Sun Herald Newspaper, Enterprise Charlotte Board of Directors, and our newly formed FGCU Charlotte Center Advisory Board. He stated that this was a very productive day and that we are requesting $8 million in state funds to build a joint use facility with Edison College/Charlotte through our legislative agenda.
President Merwin stated that we are planning to expand the Naples Center to include building a 50,000 square foot building in Naples where we will be able to expand our very successful Renaissance Academy. In addition, this semester we began offering some for-credit courses through the Naples Center. He reported that we would like to include a chamber music hall in the new building.

President Merwin reported that we are beginning a small pilot program in conjunction with the City of Cape Coral with two courses, statistics and public services management.

President Merwin stated that we have hired Dr. Susan Blanchard as our first Director of the School of Engineering. We have begun recruiting students for this program.

President Merwin stated that the university has been busy preparing for the 2005 legislative session. He reported that Mary Dougherty-Slapp has resigned as Director of Government Relations, and we have secured the services of David Mann to represent FGCU during the 2005 session. He will be assisted during the legislative session by Curtis Bullock who will be volunteering his services.

President Merwin introduced Ms. Moore, our Internal Auditor to give a report on the recent Financial Audit conducted at FGCU. Ms. Moore reported that FGCU received a clean audit report on its financial statements for this past fiscal year. President Merwin thanked Ms. Moore, Dr. Shepard and staff for an excellent job.

10. Consent Agenda – Scott Lutgert, Chair

Chairman Lutgert asked if there was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of October 6, 2004 and Minutes of December 9, 2004 Workshop on Strategic Plan. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Trustee Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting – Trustee Hart

Chairman Hart introduced Provost Yegidis to present two information items:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Re-accreditation
- University Lecture Series

Provost Yegidis reported that the FGCU Strategic Plan 2005-2010 is before the Board today for approval. Dr. Yegidis outlined the
process involved with the Strategic Plan, and with this Board’s approval, President Merwin will present the plan to the Board of Governors’ in February. A motion was made to approve the FGCU Strategic Plan 2005-2010 by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Price Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting – Trustee Lucas

Chairman Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard to present the information item:

- Quarterly Budget Review

Dr. Shepard presented three action items for consideration:

- FGCU Rule: Prompt Payment to Vendors (Appendix A) – Motion was made by Chairman Lutgert to approve the Prompt Payment to Vendors Rule. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried unanimously.
- In-State Tuition Waivers (Appendix B) – Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the In-State Tuition Waivers with the addition of one faculty member on the committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2005 Legislative Priorities (Appendix C) – Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the 2005 Legislative Priorities. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Old Business – Scott Lutgert, Chair

There was no old business to come before the Board.

14. New Business – Scott Lutgert, Chair

There was no new business to come before the Board.

15. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting – Scott Lutgert, Chair

Chairman Lutgert reminded trustees that the next Board meeting would be April 19th. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.
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B. In-State Tuition Waivers

C. 2005 Legislative Priorities